



Columbus, OH

- In 2012, the Columbus metropolitan area was the 48th largest export market in the United States, with merchandise shipments totaling \$5.5 billion. This is up \$1.2 billion (26.8 percent) from the \$4.3 billion in merchandise exported in 2011.
- The Columbus metropolitan area accounted for 10.7 percent of Ohio's merchandise exports in 2012.
- Counties from the Columbus metropolitan area that reported exports in 2012 included: Union County (\$813 million), Licking County (\$611 million), Delaware County (\$283 million), Madison County (\$261 million), Pickaway County (\$151 million), Fairfield County (\$90 million). The following counties recorded exports, but the values are suppressed due to federal disclosure regulations: Franklin County, Morrow County.
- For the top 50 U.S. merchandise export destinations, Columbus ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters to Canada (\$1.7 billion), Mexico (\$1.1 billion), China (\$227 million), Japan (\$196 million), and Australia (\$159 million).
- Columbus ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters of Transportation Equipment (\$1.1 billion), Chemicals (\$973 million), Machinery, Except Electrical (\$587 million), Computer and Electronic Products (\$544 million), and Plastics and Rubber Products (\$364 million).
- In 2012, Columbus benefited from existing trade agreements, exporting \$2.9 billion to the NAFTA region and \$26 million to the CAFTA-DR region.
- 52.2 percent of Columbus's merchandise exports go to NAFTA countries.

TOP SECTORS			TOP COUNTRIES		
Sector	Value	Share	Country	Value	Share
Transportation Equipment	\$1.1 billion	19.5%	Canada	\$1.7 billion	31.7%
Chemicals	\$973 million	17.7%	Mexico	\$1.1 billion	20.5%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$587 million	10.7%	China	\$227 million	4.1%
Computer and Electronic Products	\$544 million	9.9%	Japan	\$196 million	3.6%
Plastics and Rubber Products	\$364 million	6.6%	Australia	\$159 million	2.9%

Note: The order in which counties, sectors, and countries are displayed does not necessarily reflect the true rank ordering. The suppressed data may, in fact, be rightfully anywhere in the ranking.

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